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SUBJ: CERP-4291 MINERALS QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. COMPLETE MINERAL PRODUCTION FIGURES FOR FIJI IN 1974,
AS PROVIDED BY MINISTRY OF LANDS, MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES
TOLLOW. THERE WAS NO PRODUCTION OF COPPER, IRON, LIME,
MANGANESE OR PHOSPHATE. OTHER PRODUCTION FIGURES:

COMMODITY	UNIT	QUANTITY	VALUE (FDOLS)
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GOLD	TROY OZ	68,890	8,621,188
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SILVER	TROY OZ	27,101	103,112
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CEMENT	LONG TONS	84,000	N/A
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CORAL SAND

FOR CEMENT	LONG TONS	123,006	307,515
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RIVER SAND

FOR CEMENT	LONG TONS	55,171	137,927
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OTHER RIVER SAND

AND GRAVEL	CUBIC YARDS	746,824	2,241,146
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CORAL SAND AND

LIMESTONE	CUBIC YEADS	429	1,287
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OTHER QUARRIED

STONE	CUBIC YARDS	250,904	878,164
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LIMESTONE (BURNT

LIME)	LONG TONS	3,018	169,562
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EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATES DAILY. RATE ON 5/12/75 WAS

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FIJI DOLS 1 ; US DOLS 1.2709.

2. FIGURES SO FAR AVAILABLE FOR NEW CALEDONIA-

NICKEL ORE PRODUCED: 7,015,000 METRIC TONS.

FERRO NICKEL: 48,543 METRIC TONS OF NICKEL CONTAINED.

MATTE: 18,837 METRIC TONS OF NICKEL CONTAINED.

NICKEL MATTE EXPORTED: 20,072 METRIC TONS OF NICKEL CONTAINED.

FERRO-NICKEL EXPORTED: 47,123 METRIC TONS OF NICKEL CONTAINED.

TOTAL NICKEL IN METALLURGICAL PRODUCTS EXPORTED: 67,196

METRIC TONS.

VALUE OF PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS FOR 1974 IS NOT YET AVAILABLE
TO THE EMBASSY

3. THE EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO GATHER STATISTICS FOR THE
NEW HEBRIDES.

4. IF MINERALS YEARBOOK MORE RECENT THAN 1971 IS AVAILABLE,
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE TWO SETS FOR PRESENTATION AND ONE
FOR EMBASSY LIBRARY.

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